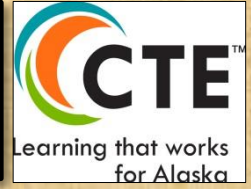




CTSO Tool Kit

#5-Civic Engagement



Civic engagement is an important part of CTSO involvement as an example of positive citizenship at all levels. Giving back to the community is a core component of all CTSOs. Along with leadership training and competitive events, strong levels of volunteerism is encouraged.

Becoming Involved in the Community

- Check with your chosen organizations national website for your initial point of contact.
- Each organization has a complete program for members to become fully engaged with local, state, and national entities.
- Connect with state and national agencies.
- Connect with local entities such as:
 - Homelessness
 - Assisted living facilities
 - Soup Kitchens
 - Community beautification
 - Disaster relief

Volunteerism

- Local
 - School
 - Community
- Service Projects
 - State Level
 - National Level
- Service Learning
- Public Relations:
 - School
 - Chapter
 - National Organization

Local

- School-wide community service projects
- Chapter service projects
- Class/Course specific service projects

State

- State Leadership Conference Service Project
- Collections:
 - Money War to raise funds for charities
 - Gift boxes/bags for homeless shelters

National

- Recognition of the following as examples:
 - Officer/Advisor of the year
 - Volunteer Service Award
 - Quality Chapter Distinction
 - Ambassador Award (BPA)
- National Leadership Conference Service Project